



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Mammoth Lakes CAO Conference Room, 3rd Floor Sierra Center Mall, 452 Old Mammoth Road,  
Mammoth Lakes, California, 93546

**Special Meeting  
February 24, 2020**

9:36 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

**1 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No one spoke.

**2. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Comment Letter - Density Bonus Regulations within the Town of Mammoth Lakes**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is considering updating its zoning regulations to expand the availability of density bonuses for qualified affordable housing projects. The Town's proposal would encourage small-scale, dispersed housing development and contribute to the preservation of neighborhood and residential character while expanding the availability of affordable housing. The proposed letter conveys the Board of Supervisors' support for the Town's proposal.

**Action:** Approve letter as drafted.

**Kreitz moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-39**

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Gave overview of item.

## **B. Civic Center Update**

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works; Nate Greenberg, IT Director) - Weekly update on the County's Civic Center project at 1290 Tavern Road, and efforts to transition from other Mammoth locations into the Civic Center as of June 1, 2020.

**Action:** None.  
**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

## **C. Board Reports**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

**Action:** None.

### **Supervisor Corless:**

- Activities related to state forest management task force, building forest management capacity locally—will give full report on 3/10
- 2/14 ESCOG; Meeting with INF Supervisor Tammy Randall-Parker and Mammoth District Ranger Gordon Martin regarding special event/use permits.
- 2/19 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting
- 2/20 Wildlife Stewardship Team meeting—trying to help with funding, improving grant application to Wildlife Conservation Board
- Heading to DC 2/24 with RCRC for meetings/advocacy in advance of the NACo Legislative Conference.

### **Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Wednesday Feb. 12 I attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting In Lee Vining. Topics discussed included a report from the Housing Subcommittee on potential community sites for affordable housing, a presentation and discussion from a SCE representative about their ongoing construction project at the Lee Vining Substation, and the status of USFS positions at the South Tufa State Reserve this summer.
- On Feb. 13 I participated in a housing seminar with Supervisor Kreitz. It focused on both affordable housing needs and homelessness. Two important takeaways I got from this seminar were that state policy and expenditures over the years has substantially benefitted property owners compared to renters, and not by a small amount. There simply has not been an equitable approach by any means. The other takeaway was that we must get beyond the traditional view of our homeless population, and rather see them as socially vulnerable people who could benefit from much more attention before they fall into crisis. We cannot ignore those who are already homeless, but we may be able to stop the downward spiral for many who are heading that way through more aggressive and creative policies.
- On Friday Feb. 14 I attended with Supervisor Corless the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) meeting Mammoth. The agenda covered several topics, including acknowledgement of the legal establishment of ESCOG as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), and the initiation of organizational policies and procedures to get the JPA moving, a review of the status and related issues concerning the Bishop Airport, which is scheduled to begin commercial air service in October or November of this year, an update on the status of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP), including grants already received and those with potential for the region, and a

summary of regional housing activities. It is truly useful for me to get an overall region-wide perspective on many ongoing programs, so we can benefit from each entity's work, perhaps do some joint planning, and avoid duplication.

- Later Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> I participated with Supervisor Kreitz in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board. We discussed several items, including pending grant applications, an update on ESTA's drug and alcohol testing policy, and monthly financial and operations reports. We also approved a policy to begin to fund ESTA's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) costs. After the meeting I participated with ESTA's Executive Director and two other Board members in providing input for ESTA's Strategic Business Plan for 2020-2022. This plan will include goals linked to specific objectives and tasks that will be monitored regularly with the Board at our meetings.
- On Wednesday February 19 I attended a meeting of the June Lake Chamber of Commerce Board. The primary topic of discussion was the Chamber's continued interest in working with Alterra to initiate improvements to June Mountain in a collaborative approach. The Chamber intends to present their concerns and suggestions to our Board in March.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- The CCP report writing sub committee met on Wednesday, February 12 to discuss the progress of updating the CCP 5 year strategic plan. The group is proposing some significant amendments in an effort to provide a document that is user friendly and informative.
- Also on February 12, I met with the Census 2020 Committee to work on finalizing flyers and hand outs for the upcoming U.S. Census. You can start completing the Census online beginning on March 12th.
- Later that afternoon I attended the Town of Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission meeting in order to participate in the Town's proposed update to their local density bonus policy. This is an opportunity for additional workforce homes to be created through the Town's subsidy of additional units on land not currently allowed such density. If done well, this could result in some additional homes for our local community members.
- On Thursday, February 13th I participated in a workshop on Housing along with colleagues Supervisor Gardner, MMSA, County and Town staff. It was a fresh reminder to the importance of no thinking within a box when working towards community housing solutions.
- This same day, I attended the Quarterly Treasury Oversight Committee meeting. The Mono County Finance staff is doing an excellent job at keeping the pool of fund invested in the most safe, yet prosperous means available in this funky financial time of the inversion of the 2 year and 10 year treasury bills.
- On Friday, February 14th I participated on the Board of ESTA where we authorized the creation of an Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust fund account policy to help create investment returns to pay for the ongoing costs of future retired employees' health benefits.
- On Wednesday February 19th I attended the CCP general committee meeting.
- A parting quote - "If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't be able to sit for a month." - Theodore Roosevelt

**Supervisor Peters:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> BP RPAC and BP Chamber
- 12<sup>th</sup> CSAC Resiliency Advisory Board
- Discussed Resiliency Bond
- 13<sup>th</sup> CSAC BOD Meeting
- Redistricting and what it means to Counties
- Adopted the 2020 State and Federal Legislative Priorities
- 13<sup>th</sup> Senator Borgeas w/Griffith's

- 21<sup>st</sup> WIR BOD meeting Rural Economic Dev Workforce Housing Dev Biosecurity & Invasive species (Formal Data Collection and sharing).
- Governors appoint members to WGA's new Western Invasive Species Council
- Western Governors have launched the Western Invasive Species Council (WISC) to enhance coordination between existing state invasive species councils, improve communication and collaboration on regional biosecurity and invasive species control efforts, and to advocate for regional needs at the federal level.
- The Governors authorized creation of the council through the WGA Policy Resolution *Biosecurity and Invasive Species Management*. At that time, they also directed that the work of WISC initially be coordinated through WGA to address cross-boundary and cross-jurisdictional invasive species management challenges.
- WGA is pleased to announce that the Governors of 17 western states and territories have a
- appointed members to the WISC. The members include:
- **California:** Kevin Shaffer, *Fisheries Branch Chief, California Department of Fish and Wildlife*
- **Upcoming:**
- WIR Board of Directors and NACO
- Defense Installations Summit
- BLM Deputy Director William Perry Pendley
- Vicki Christiansen Chief of US Forest Service

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 2-13 : Attended the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority - Another of the Consultants phased reports on the status of the Basin - Tri Valley Water Commission and the Sierra Highlands CSD requested to be removed from the JPA and those requests were granted.

**D. Closed Session - Real Property Negotiations**

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: 452 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes. Agency negotiators: Dave Wilbrecht and Shields Richardson. Negotiating parties: Mono County and 452 OM RD., Investors, LLC. Under negotiation: Price and terms of lease.

**Out of Closed Session at 10:34 a.m.**

*Closed Session: 10:12 AM*

*Reconvene: 10:34 AM*

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

**E. Fourth Amendment to Sierra Center Mall Lease**

Departments: County Administrative Office / County Counsel

County Administrative Office, County Counsel's Office

(Steve Barwick, Dave Wilbrecht, Stacey Simon, Jason Canger) - Execution or Ratification of Fourth Amendment to Lease at Sierra Center Mall for County Office Space.

**Action:** Authorize Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute Fourth Amendment to Lease at Sierra Center Mall, as amended.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-40**

**Jason Canger:**

- Gave overview of proposed amendment to lease. Recommended execution.

**F. Closed Session - Existing Litigation  
Back into Closed Session at 10:40 a.m.**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: County of Mono et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al. (Alameda Superior Court Case No. RG18923377).

**G. Closed Session - Public Employment**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

*Closed Session: 10:40 AM*

*Reconvene: 12:31 PM*

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

**ADJOURNED at 12:31 p.m.**

**ATTEST**

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**STACY CORLESS  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**HELEN NUNN  
ASST. CLERK OF THE BOARD**